

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 13 and 27-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-8, 13 and 27-30 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

For example, independent claim 1 of the present application teaches a method of testing interconnections of a circuit having at least one DC coupled interconnection and at least one AC coupled interconnection, the circuit having at least one driving IC and at least one receiving IC that are capacitively coupled together by at least one AC coupled interconnection register, and a TAP controller, the method comprising the steps of: evaluating a test type signal and effecting an AC interconnection test if the test type signal is set, the AC interconnection test comprising: shifting an AC test stimulus into the BSCs of the at least one driving circuit, the AC test stimulus having a plurality of voltage transitions; scanning an initiate AC test instruction into the instruction register of both ICs; performing an execute AC test instruction by moving the TAP controller to the Run-test/idle state and hold the TAP controller of both ICs in the Run-test/idle state for the time required to complete execution of the AC test instruction, wherein, during the Run-test/idle state, the at least one driving IC is applying the AC test stimulus to the at least one AC coupled interconnection and the at least one receiving IC is sampling a received signal embodying captured AC test instruction results; transferring the captured AC test instruction into the BSCs of the at least one receiving IC; scanning out the captured AC test instruction results if the test type signal is set, and effecting a DC interconnection if the test type signal is not set. The foregoing limitations are not found in the prior arts of record. Particularly, none of the prior arts of record teach nor fairly suggest, "...evaluating a test type signal and effecting an AC interconnection test if the test type signal is set...and...scanning out the captured AC test

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instruction results if the test type signal is set, and effecting a DC interconnection if the test type signal is not set.”

Independent claims 5, 13, 27 and 29 include similar limitations of independent claim 1 and therefore are allowed for similar reasons.

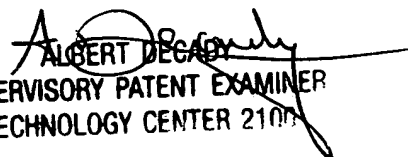
Dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 28 and 30 depend from allowable independent claims and inherently include limitations therein and therefore are allowed as well.

Any inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to the examiner, Mujtaba Chaudry who may be reached at 571-272-3817. The examiner may normally be reached Mon – Thur 6:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady at 571-272-3819.



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